(d) if so. by when such amendments will be made and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes. Sir. Complaint was received against one Association, which is not recognised.

(b) Since the non-recognised Associations/Bodies are not covered under the existing rules and regulations, no action can be taken against such Associations/Bodies under these Rules.

(c) and (d) Rules and Regulations have recently been amended in Feb. 195-7. There is no proposal to amend these rules in the near, future. The Ministry -appropriate action against such Welfare Associations which are recognised by it.

Consortium by SAARC countries

1315. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAARC countries are considering a consortium-like approach to derive mutual benefits and save foreign exchange in regard to their , airlines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Airlines of SAARC member-countries are in the process of examining areas in which they can cooperate with one another in the optimal utilization of their resources to mutual benefit.

Uniform Civil Code

1316. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUS TICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been or ar being taken to have a referendum or other wise to ascertain the consensus amongst the minority communities on the question of evolving a Uniform Civil Code, ensuring full freedom to the womenfolk to express themselves: and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) No, Sir. (b) Does not arise.

Crash of a Mirage-2000 Aircraft

1317.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV :

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an ultra modern French fighter Mirage-2000 crashed sometime in the month of September, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereor, stating the loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) what is the number of Indian Air Force plane crashes during the last two years and the estimated loss suffered as a consequence thereof; and

(d) what are the main causes for the Indian Air Force plane crashes accord- ,

the investigations, if any, and what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Mirage-2000 aircraft, on training flight, crashed on 15-9-87. The aircraft was destroyed but the pilot ejected safely.

(c) Information regarding the number of accidents and losses on that account is of classified nature and cannot be dis-

' in the public interest.

(d) The major causes of air accidents have been identified to be human error technical defects and bird strikes. A number of steps have been taken to reduce accidents due to these causes